

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1678**

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**Introduced by Committee on Elections, Redistricting and  
Constitutional Amendments (Longville (Chair), Samuelian  
(Vice Chair), Jerome Horton, Levine, Nunez, and Strickland)**

February 21, 2003

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An act to amend Section 81008 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1678, as introduced, Committee on Elections, Redistricting and Constitutional Amendments. Political Reform Act of 1974: open records.

Under the existing Political Reform Act of 1974, on the Saturday preceding an election held on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in June or November in an even-numbered year, campaign statements are required to be open for public inspection and reproduction at the offices of specified state and local agencies.

This bill would instead require that the campaign records be open for inspection and reproduction, in even-numbered years, on the Saturday preceding an election held on both the 1st Tuesday in March and the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements. This bill, which would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act, would therefore require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 81008 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 81008. (a) Every report and statement filed pursuant to this  
4 title is a public record open for public inspection and reproduction  
5 during regular business hours, commencing as soon as practicable,  
6 but in any event not later than the second business day following  
7 the day on which it was received. No conditions whatsoever shall  
8 be imposed upon persons desiring to inspect or reproduce reports  
9 and statements filed under this title, nor shall any information or  
10 identification be required from such persons. Copies shall be  
11 provided at a charge not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10) per page. In  
12 addition, the filing officer may charge a retrieval fee not to exceed  
13 five dollars (\$5) per request for copies of reports and statements  
14 which are five or more years old. A request for more than one  
15 report or statement or report and statement at the same time shall  
16 be considered a single request.

17 (b) Campaign statements shall be open for public inspection  
18 and reproduction from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday  
19 preceding an election held on the first Tuesday *in March or the first*  
20 *Tuesday* after the first Monday in ~~June~~ *or* November in  
21 even-numbered years in the offices of Secretary of State,  
22 Registrar-Recorder of Los Angeles County, Registrar of Voters of  
23 San Diego County and Registrar of Voters of the City and County  
24 of San Francisco.

25 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the provisions  
26 of this act further the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974  
27 within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the  
28 Government Code.

